

2974, to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to provide enhanced penalties for crimes against elderly and child victims.

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Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Agreed To:

The Frost amendment that broadens Federal jurisdiction over sex crimes against children and requires life sentences without parole upon the conviction of a second sex crime against a child in Federal court;

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The Slaughter amendment that broadens Federal jurisdiction over repeat offenders of rape or serious sexual assault and requires life sentences without the possibility of parole upon the second conviction of rape or sexual assault (agreed to by a recorded vote of 411 ayes to 4 noes, Roll No. 146);

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The Deutsch amendment that provides a sentencing enhancement of not less than six levels for sexual crimes of violence against children;

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The Conyers amendment that includes crimes of violence involving the environment;

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The Stupak amendment that amends the Federal sentencing guidelines to provide an appropriate sentencing enhancement for violent crimes committed against vulnerable persons, including law enforcement officers, in which the defendant used body armor; and

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The DeLauro amendment that provides enhanced penalties for offenders who commit a violent crime while in possession of a firearm with a laser sighting device.

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Rejected:

The Watt amendment that sought to broaden the definition of a vulnerable person to include residents in any neighborhood in which the incidence of violent crime is above the national average; and

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The Watt amendment that sought to have the United States Sentencing Commission review the Federal sentencing guidelines to determine an appropriate sentencing enhancement for crimes of violence committed against vulnerable persons (rejected by a recorded vote of 41 ayes to 370 noes, Roll No. 147).

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Points of order were sustained against the following amendments:

The Conyers amendment that sought to include a crime involving fraud or deception; and

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The Conyers amendment that sought to include an environmental crime against a child, elderly person, or other vulnerable person.

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The Clerk was authorized to correct cross references and section designations and to make such

other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary in the engrossment of the bill.

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H. Res. 421, the rule under which the bill was considered was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.

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It was made in order that, during further consideration of H.R. 3120 pursuant to H. Res. 422, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may postpone until a time during further consideration in the Committee of the Whole a request for a recorded vote on any amendment, and that the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may reduce to not less than five minutes the time for voting by electronic device on any postponed question that immediately follows another vote by electronic device without intervening business, provided that the time for voting by electronic device on the first in any series of questions shall be not less than 15 minutes.

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Witness Retaliation, Tampering, and Jury Tampering: The House passed H.R. 3120, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to witness retaliation, witness tampering and jury tampering.

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Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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H. Res. 422, the rule under which the bill was considered was agreed to earlier by voice vote.

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Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H4504–31.

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4438.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4481, H4492, H4492–93, and H4494. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:00 p.m. and adjourned at 11:01 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND THE JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary held a hearing on the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency and on Telecommunications Issues. Testimony was heard from John D. Holum, Director, U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; Reed E. Hunt,

Chairman, FCC; and Larry Irving, Assistant Secretary, Communications and Information, Department of Commerce.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project. Testimony was heard from Representatives Chenoweth and Hastings of Washington; Jack Ward Thomas, Chief, Forest Service, USDA; Mike Dombeck, Acting Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Secretary of Labor and the Employment and Training Administration. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Robert B. Reich, Secretary; Timothy M. Barnicle, Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training; and Preston M. Taylor, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training.

TRAVEL AND TOURISM PARTNERSHIP ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 2579, Travel and Tourism Partnership Act.

OMNIBUS CIVILIAN SCIENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule on H.R. 3322, Omnibus Civilian Science Authorization Act of 1996 providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 2(l)(2) of rule XI (requirement of a quorum to report). The rule provides that the bill shall be considered by title rather than by section, and that the first section and each title shall be considered as read. The rule waives points of order against the bill for failure to comply with clause 5(a) of rule XXI (appropriations in a legislative bill). The rule provides for the consideration of a manager's amendment printed in the Rules Committee report, which shall be considered as read, may amend portions of the bill not yet read for amendment, shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled, and shall not be subject to amendment or to a demand for a division of the question. If adopted, the amendment shall be considered as original text for amendment purposes. The

rule accords priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the *Congressional Record*. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Walker and Representative Brown of California.

ADOPTION PROMOTION AND STABILITY ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule on H.R. 3286, Adoption Promotion and Stability Act of 1996 providing for consideration of the bill in the House without intervention of any point of order. The rule makes in order the Committee on Ways and Means amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill. The rule provides one hour of general debate, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule provides for the consideration of an amendment to title II of the bill, as amended, if offered by Representative Gibbons of Florida or his designee, which shall be considered as read and shall be debatable for 30 minutes equally divided between the proponent and an opponent. The rule provides for the consideration of the amendment recommended by the Committee on Resources, if offered by Representative Young of Alaska or his designee, which shall be considered as read and shall be debatable for 30 minutes equally divided between the proponent and an opponent. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, which may include instructions only if offered by the Minority Leader or his designee. Testimony was heard from Chairman Archer and Representatives Oberstar, Lowey, Maloney and Kennedy of Massachusetts.

U.S HOUSING ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 10 to 1, an open rule on H.R. 2406, United States Housing Act of 1996, providing one hour of general debate equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Banking and Financial Services. The rule makes in order the Committee on Banking and Financial Services amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and provides that the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute be considered as read. The rule waives clause 5(a) of rule XXI (appropriations in a legislative bill) against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule provides that said substitute shall be considered by title, rather than by section, and the first two sections and each title shall be considered as read. The rule makes in order, before the consideration of any other amendment, an amendment printed in the *Congressional Record* of May 7,

1996, if offered by Representative Lazio of New York or his designee. The amendment shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled between the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment or to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole and all points of order against the amendment are waived. The rule provides that if the amendment is adopted, the bill, as amended, shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the *Congressional Record* shall be accorded priority in recognition to offer their amendments if otherwise consistent with House rules, and provides that the pre-printed amendment shall be considered as read. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce to five minutes on a postponed question if the votes follows a fifteen minute vote. The rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that after the passage of the House bill, it will be in order to take up the Senate bill, to move to insert the House-passed provisions in the Senate bill, and to move to request a conference with the Senate. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lazio, Hayworth, Gonzalez, Frank of Massachusetts, Kennedy of Massachusetts, Gutierrez, Velázquez and Hinchey.

ISTEA REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation continued hearings on ISTEA reauthorization: The Federal Role for Transportation and National Interests. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue May 16.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session and ordered reported amended H.R. 3259, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997.

Joint Meetings

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Joint Committee on the Library: Committee concluded hearings to examine the management and financial activities of the Library of Congress, after receiving testimony from James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress; Thomas P. Carney, Acting Deputy Librarian of Congress; J. William Gadsby, Director, Government Business Operations, General Government Division, and Robert W. Gramling, Director, Corporate Audits and Standards, Accounting and Infor-

mation Management Division, both of the General Accounting Office; Joyce C. Doria, Booz-Allen & Hamilton, Inc., McLean, Virginia; and Paul E. Lohneis, Price Waterhouse LLP, Arlington, Virginia.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D420)

H.R. 3055, to amend section 326 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to permit continued participation by Historically Black Graduate Professional Schools in the grant program authorized by that section. Signed May 6, 1996. (P.L. 104-141)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense, focusing on environmental programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the National Endowment for the Arts, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., S-146, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, 2 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on the Budget, business meeting, to mark up a proposed concurrent resolution on the fiscal year 1997 budget for the Federal Government, 2 p.m., SD-608.

Committee on Finance, business meeting, to mark up H.R. 2853, relating to most favored nation status for Bulgaria, H.R. 1642, relating to most favored nation status for Cambodia, and H.R. 3074, relating to tariff treatment of products imported from the West Bank and Gaza Strip, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings on the nominations of Dennis K. Hayes, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname, Dennis C. Jett, of New Mexico, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Peru, and Donald J. Planty, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Youth Violence, to hold hearings to examine Federal programs relating to youth violence, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, business meeting, to resume markup of S. 1643, authorizing funds for fiscal years 1997 through 2001 for programs of the Older Americans Act, and to mark up S. 1360, to ensure personal privacy with respect to medical records and health care-related information, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.